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DORGAN APPLAUDS SELECTION OF GENERAL SHALIKASHVILI TO HEAD TASK FORCE FOR TEST BAN TREATY RATIFICATION

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) --- U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND) said Friday he welcomes the announcement that President Clinton has enlisted Army General John Shalikashvili to lead a task force to revive the Comprehensive Nuclear Test ban Treaty (CTBT), which was rejected by the U.S. Senate last October.

General Shalikashvili was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1993 to 1997.

"General Shalikashvili commands great respect on both sides of the aisle. He is the perfect choice to discuss the merits of the CTBT with Senators who have objections to the treaty. Few people know as much about nuclear weapons and their role in our national security strategy," Dorgan said.

Dorgan pointed out that General Shalikashvili was one of four former Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, including General Colin Powell and Admiral William Crowe, who joined current JCS Chairman General Hugh Shelton and Defense Secretary William Cohen to strongly support the treaty during the CTBT debate last fall.

"It is critical that we forge a consensus on this treaty and that we reassure allied governments that the U.S. has not abandoned its leadership role in preventing the further proliferation of nuclear weapons," Dorgan said.

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